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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC FROM SANTIAGO 13 JUN 75:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 3908

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E.O. 11652: GDS 1

TAGS: OAS, CI, PFOR, CU

SUBJ: SAN JOSE CONFERENCE ON AMENDING RIO TREATY

1. SUMMARY: IN QUITE IRREGULAR FASHION, GOC MAY BE SUGGEST-
ING LIFTING OF OAS SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA. IT HAS DISTRIBUTED
DRAFT DECLARATION ADDRESSED TO OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL, DESIGNED
TO ASK OPINION OF INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD AS TO CONVEN-
IENCE OR IMPRUDENCE, FROM SECURITY STANDPOINT, OF REMOVING
SANCTIONS. INITIATIVE APPEARS TO LACK SUPPORT OF NORMALLY
INTARESTED GOC OFFICIALS. END SUMMARY.

2. ARMED FORCES ATTACHES OF ALL OAS MEMBERS (MINUS RAZI),
WHOSE ATTACHES WERE NOT AVAILABLE), PLUS SENIOR MEMBERS OF
USMILGP WERE INVITED TO JEFENSE MINISTRY JUNE 12 AND GIVEN
COPY OF UNDATED DOCUMENT IN FORM OF DRAFT DECLARATION TO OAS
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PERMANENT COUNCIL SIGNED BY FONMIN CARVAJAL. COPY BEING
POUCHED TO ARA/BC JUNE 16.

3. PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHs ARE INTENDED TO SHOW THAT SANCTIONS

AGAINST CUBA WERE ADOPTED BECAUSE OF SOVIET/CUBAN THREAT TO AMERICAS, AND THAT SUBSEQUENT IADN STUDIES VERIFIED THAT THREAT. TWO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS PROVIDE (A) THAT IN FUTURE MEETINGS CONCERNED WITH REMOVAL OF SANCTIONS, THERE BE CONSIDERED "EVALUATIONS AND PROPOSALS" CONTAINED IN IADN DOCUMENTS ON SOVIET/CUBAN THREAT (STRATEGIC EVALUATION OF SITUATION AND PLANS ALFA AND BRAVO); AND (2) THAT IADN BE ASKED FOR ITS OPINION ON "APPROPRIATENESS OR IMPRUDENCE" OF REMOVING CUBAN SANCTIONS, FROM STANDPOINT OF HEMISPHERE SECURITY.

4. IN HANDING DOCUMENT TO ATTACHES, DEFENSE MIN BRADY SAID IT WAS PRESENTED FOR SUCH USE AS GOVERNMENTS SAW FIT. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PROCEDURE WAS UNORTHODOX BUT SAID GOC HAD AUTHORITY TO MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN IN THIS WAY.

5. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH SENIOR, WELL INFORMED CHILAN MILITARY OFFICER, USAIRA WAS TOLD THAT FONMIN CARVAJAL AND DEFENSEMIN BRADY HAD BEEN VERY RELUCTANT TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS MANEUVER BUT HAD BEEN ORDERED TO DO SO BY PRESIDENT PINOCHET. OFFICER SAID FORMAL GOC POSITION WOULD BE PRESENTED THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. PURPOSE WAS TO DELAY REMOVAL OF SANCTIONS IN HOPE THAT SOMETHING ELSE WOULD COME UP TO PREVENT REMOVAL. CONCLUDED THAT GOC WOULD HAVE TO END UP SUPPORTING US POSITION UNLESS THAT HAPPENED.

6. COMMENT: APPEARS FROM STAGING OF MEETING, DETAILS OF DOCUMENT, AND ABOVE COMMENTS THAT FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTERS BELIEVE THEY ARE ON EAK GROUND AND ARE ACTING ONLY ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PINOCHET. EMBASSY RECALLS INTEREST IN IADN EXPRESSED BY CARVAJAL TO ASSTSEC ROGERS DURING MARCH 11 MEETING IN FONMINISTRY. CARVAJAL THEN PUT FORWARD IDEA THAT IADN SHOULD REFOCUS ITS EFFORTS TOWARD MEETING CURRENT SOVIET SUBVERSIVE THREAT. POPPER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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